

# HOUSE BILL 667

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Peace Orders – Extension of Duration**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~extending the maximum duration of a final peace order~~  
4 authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under certain  
5 circumstances after certain notice and a hearing; and generally relating to  
6 peace orders.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 3–1505(f)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~  
13 ~~Article – Family Law~~  
14 ~~Section 4–506(j)(1)~~  
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
16 ~~(2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)~~

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
19 Section 3–1506(a)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 3–1505.

5 (f) All relief granted in a final peace order shall be effective for the period  
6 stated in the order, not to exceed ~~[6 months]~~ **1 YEAR**.

7 ~~**Article – Family Law**~~

8 ~~4–506.~~

9 ~~(j) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, all~~  
10 ~~relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the~~  
11 ~~order, not to exceed 1 year.~~

12 3–1506.

13 (a) **(1)** A peace order may be modified or rescinded during the term of the  
14 peace order after:

15 [(1)] (I) Giving notice to the petitioner and the respondent; and

16 [(2)] (II) A hearing.

17 **(2) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, A JUDGE MAY EXTEND THE TERM**  
18 **OF THE PEACE ORDER FOR 6 MONTHS BEYOND THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN §**  
19 **3–1505(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AFTER:**

20 **(I) GIVING NOTICE TO THE PETITIONER AND THE**  
21 **RESPONDENT; AND**

22 **(II) A HEARING.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2011.